

Other Agricultural Statistics

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Annual average prices for New York produced agricultural commodities during this year with livestock prices mostly up and crop prices down. Prices for soybeans, corn for grain, oats, barley, and dry beans were down while potatoes and wheat were up. Hay prices were unchanged.

New York beef producers and dairy farmers with animals to sell saw average prices increase from a year earlier. Steers and heifers averaged \$72.90 per hundred-weight (cwt.) during the year, up 5 percent from 2004, and slaughter cows also up 1 percent

to \$47.00 per cwt. over the same period.

The combined price for all slaughter cattle averaged \$49.90 per cwt., up 5 percent from 2004. Calf prices increased 27 percent from 2004, up to \$140.00 per cwt. for 2005. At the National level, annual average prices for all slaughter cattle combined averaged 5 percent higher in 2005.

New York pork producers saw prices for hogs average \$43.30 in 2005, down 1 percent from the previous year. Lamb prices were up 5 percent to \$120.00 per cwt.

Table egg prices averaged 60.7 cents per dozen for 2005, down 41 percent from 2004. At the U.S. level, hog prices averaged 2 percent higher and lamb prices were up 9 percent from previous year. The National average for table egg prices during 2005 were 38 percent lower than during 2004.

Wholesale milk prices received by New York dairy farmers averaged \$15.90 per cwt. during 2005, down 5 percent from 2004, up 21 percent from the 2003 average price.

Table 79. **PARITY RATIO:** Monthly and Annual Average, United States, 1997-2005 ^{1/}

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
<u>1990-92 = 100</u>													
1997	92	90	92	90	90	91	90	91	90	91	89	89	90
1998	88	87	89	91	90	89	88	89	88	87	87	87	88
1999	85	84	85	84	85	84	83	85	83	78	80	79	83
2000	76	78	80	84	84	82	81	82	82	77	81	80	81
2001	78	81	83	85	87	86	88	89	86	76	77	78	83
2002	78	80	85	76	78	79	80	81	79	76	78	78	79
2003	79	78	77	79	83	85	83	86	87	88	90	88	84
2004	86	89	92	94	96	95	92	89	86	84	85	83	90
2005	83	84	86	88	86	86	84	83	82	77	79	80	80

^{1/} Ratio of the index of prices received by farmers after adjustment for government payments to the index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates.

